

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item on Flood Authority Consideration of Regulatory Programs

The Flood Authority, at its May work session, discussed and revised the proposed approach to considering regulatory programs.

The Flood Authority will authorize a work group consisting of the Board Advisory Committee and representatives from the Basin jurisdictions' planning and building departments. The work group will develop findings and options for building and land use regulations to achieve flood damage reduction. This Work Group will undertake the following steps:

1. Evaluate regulatory approaches to development in the floodplain from the perspective of:
 - a. Risk to proposed structures,
 - b. Risk to existing structures and properties,
 - c. Ecological risks (including habitat, water quality, and wetland impacts), and
 - d. Emergency management costs.
2. Review local jurisdictions' options for credit from the Community Rating System (CRS) to reduce flood insurance premiums under Activity 430, Higher Regulatory Standards.
3. Develop findings and options for presentation to the Flood Authority, including:
 - a. Best management practices and model regulations for local jurisdictions to consider, and
 - b. Pros and cons of various practices and approaches.

The Flood Authority will use these findings to develop a recommended set of consistent best land use practices and regulations to achieve flood damage protection and reduction.

Next Steps

The following are proposed as the next steps for the Flood Authority's consideration of this approach, with additional specific steps needed in the next month:

- Flood Authority to authorize the Work Group to begin work on regulatory approaches to flood damage reduction at the June 18 Authority meeting.

- Identify participants from each jurisdiction (planning/building staff) and invite participation.
- Complete draft inventory and circulate for accuracy review to participants.
- Convene kick-off meeting (July), get agreement on work plan and schedule, and meeting/workshop dates .